



# Look What's Happening in East County!

Updated : October 15, 2010

## ***Upcoming Events at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center and Around....***

### [Get The Facts About County Ambulance Reimbursement](#)

It's All About Saving Lives... English

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- Ambulance Reimbursement: Yes to saving lives (English **pdf** | Spanish **pdf**)
- Visit **[montgomerycountymd.gov/emstransportfee](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/emstransportfee)**
- A Vote for Ambulance Fees is a Vote for the Poor - Washington Post (10-10-2010)
- Ambulance fees still make sense (10-6-2010, Gazette)
- Memo from Executive to Council on Filling \$14 Million Budget Hole (10-5-10 | PDF | 314KB)
- "Leggett proposes cuts if ambulance reimbursement is killed: 11 Ambulances, 107 Fire & Rescue Personnel" - Wash. Post (10-6-10)
- Washington Post Urges 'YES' Vote on Ambulance Reimbursement (10-4-10)
- Montgomery League of Women Voters Supports Emergency Transport Fee

*"Given our already tight budget, any further cuts will echo across the County. Our obligation is to maintain a balanced budget. If residents vote against the ambulance fee, they will be voting for \$14 million in cuts to services."*

Read more <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/index.asp>

## **EVENTS AT THE CENTER!**

**October 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30, 2010**

**HIV Prevention and Counseling services** - GapBuster Learning Center is offering an HIV Prevention/Peer Education program called **Sisters Informing Sisters About Topics on AIDS** (S.I.S.T.A.). This program provides HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral

**(CTR) services** every Friday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20904. Details, <http://bit.ly/GBLCeastcounty> For flier, <http://bit.ly/GBLCflier>  
Questions- please contact GapBuster Learning Center, Inc. at 301-779-GBLC (4252)

### **Orientation on October 25 or 30, 2010**

**Free Citizenship Classes** - Starting November 3rd FREE Citizenship Preparation Classes are scheduled to be held on *Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday* from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the **Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center**. **Students are required to attend an information session on either October 25th at 6:00 pm OR October 30th at 9:00 am** at Montgomery College, Westfield South, Suite # 210, 11002 Veirs Mill Road, Wheaton, MD 20902.

The classes will focus on preparing legal permanent residents for the three required tests – English comprehension, History/Government, and a Face-to-Face Interview with an immigration officer. **Residents must possess a green card to qualify for the class.**

The class is being provided in partnership with the Montgomery College Adult ESOL and Literacy-GED Program. More information, please contact Nancy Newton at: 240-567-8169 or email : [Nancy.newton@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:Nancy.newton@montgomerycollege.edu).

Flier - <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/RSC/EASTCO/pdfs/citflyereastcountyonly.pdf>

### **November 3, 2010**

**East County Citizens Advisory Board** - Residents are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments. The next ECCAB meeting will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on **Wednesday November 3, 2010 at 7:15pm. ECCAB Meetings are open to Public**. For questions please contact the Center at (240) 777-8411/TTY (240) 777-8418.

### **November 4, 2010**

**FREE Pro Bono Legal Clinic** - The Montgomery County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Program, in partnership with Eastern Montgomery Regional Services, provides **FREE** legal Advice Consultations for low income residents on the first and second Thursdays of each month from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. The upcoming dates for the legal clinics are **November 4, December 2 and 9, 2010**. A client intake must be completed before 6:00 pm. For more information, call the Pro Bono Program Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (301) 424-7651 or (301) 424-7652 or (301) 424-7633. Clinics are held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring. For directions, please call #240-777-8411 Details: <http://bit.ly/c3sHr2>

**SAVE THE DATE!**

### **November 20, 2010**

**AARP Senior Driver Safety Class** - Attendees simply attend the one, 4-hour class and they receive their completion certificate! The class registration fees are \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00 for non-AARP members. The instructor will continue to collect the

fee on the day of the class. Saturday, November 20, 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904. Language: English. Limited Seats only! For more information or to register, call # (240) 777-8412.

**Evening ESOL Classes continue at the Center:** The Beginner and Intermediate **ESOL classes** (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for adults continue to be open to new students and meet on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm**. Classes are held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center and **are open to all wanting to learn English**. Cost : \$20.00 and \$20 book fee are required. Classes are provided by east county volunteers. To sign up for a class or to receive more information, call 240-777-8400. More details, <http://bit.ly/dABny2>

### **Clinic Updates at the Center**

**The People's Community Wellness Center and the Montgomery County Cancer Crusade** will return the Men's Clinic at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. This clinic will meet every 2nd Thursday for cancer screenings. Clients must be a Montgomery County resident and must be scheduled through MCCC office by calling Donna at 240-777-3491. (Please note, next month's Men's Clinic will be held Nov 18th due to Veteran's Day falling on Nov 11, 2010).

**Mobile Med clinic services** are offered **every Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** (*Walk-In 8:00 am -12:00 pm and by appointment only 12:00 pm -5:00 pm*) **at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring in Maryland.**

For over forty years, the mission of MobileMed's volunteers, supporters and staff has been to provide quality health care to the uninsured, low income, working poor and homeless in Montgomery County, Maryland.

All patients who arrive at the beginning of the clinic session will be assessed by the clinic nurse. We make every effort to see all walk-in patients, depending upon the volume of people seeking care on a particular day. Patients will be seen by the provider in an order based upon: *their medical need; the need for and availability of an interpreter and order of arrival.* More <http://www.mobilemedicalcare.org/>

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service** *An Internationally Accredited Public Safety Agency*

The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service will be hosting 'Open House' events at fire stations around the County during Fire Prevention Month. The National Fire Protection Association has designated this year's theme, "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With" and firefighters and safety advocates will focus efforts on the importance of developing a home escape plan, practicing a home fire drill and checking smoke alarms to ensure they are working.

All Open House events are free and will feature many exciting activities including tours of the station, fire safety activities, information/handouts, demonstrations of emergency equipment and much more. . . please visit the station's website or call for a comprehensive listing of activities planned.

**10/16 Hillandale, Fire/Rescue Station 24 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm**  
**13216 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 240-773-4724**

**10/16 Glen Echo, Fire/Rescue Station 11 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**5920 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD 301-229-3200**

**10/24 Cabin John, Fire/Rescue Station 10 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**  
**8001 River Road, Bethesda, MD 301-365-2028**

### **October 16, 2010**

#### **FREE 2010 Health and Wealth Fair**

What: FREE 2010 Health and Wealth Fair  
Where : Marilyn J. Praisner Community Center,  
14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866  
When : October 16, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Exhibits and Services - American Red Cross Blood Drive ; Blood Pressure Screening; Body Fat Analysis & Fitness Tips; Bone Density Screening; Home Ownership Info.; Mortgage Info; Free Yoga and Zumba Classes; Free Demonstrations and Raffles; Healthy Snacks and much more!!

Workshop Topics - Diabetes and You; Emotional Wellness; Entrepreneur's Roundtable; Healthy Aging HIV at Any Age; Financial Planning & Investments; Spiritual Care at the End of Life Weight Management & Obesity; And much more!!

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/RSC/EASTCO/pdfs/AKAFlyer2010\\_FINAL\\_merged.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/RSC/EASTCO/pdfs/AKAFlyer2010_FINAL_merged.pdf)

### **October 17, 2010**

#### **Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department OPEN HOUSE**

What : Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department OPEN HOUSE  
Where : 13900 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904  
When: October 17, 2010 from 12 noon—4 p.m.

Bring the family for an afternoon of FREE fun, fire prevention, demonstrations, and lots of fire trucks! More details <http://bit.ly/acaxJY>

## October 20, 2010

What: One Stop Fair Housing Shop  
When: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 from 11:30am - 4:00pm  
Where : University of Maryland at Shady Grove,  
Building 2, Multi Purpose Room,  
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

To register or for more information, contact Cecelia Hatton, MC Office of Human Rights @ 240-777-8468 [fairhousing@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:fairhousing@montgomerycountymd.gov)

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/RSC/EASTCO/pdfs/onestop-October2010.pdf>

## October 22-28, 2010

### AVOID LINES ON ELECTION DAY – VOTE EARLY!!

For the first time the State of Maryland is implementing Early Voting for the Gubernatorial General Election. Montgomery County will open 5 Early Voting Centers from October 22 - 28, excluding Sunday, from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Voters are able to vote on the same voting equipment used on Election Day, but at a time that is more convenient.

#### Early Voting Centers are located at:

<b>Bauer Drive Community Recreation Ctr</b> , 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville 20853	<b>Marilyn J. Praisner Community Rec Ctr</b> . 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville 20866
<b>Germantown Recreation Center</b> , 18905 Kingsview Rd, Germantown 20874	<b>Montgomery County Executive Office Building</b> , 101 Monroe Street, Rockville 20850
<b>Silver Spring Civic Building</b> , 8525 Fenton Street, Silver Spring 20910	

Voters are encouraged to visit our website – [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) – to view additional information on the Early Voting Centers. During Early Voting hours, the website will display a scroll bar which will provide wait times of each of the five Centers, updated hourly. For more information on Early Voting, please call 240-777-VOTE (8683)

## October 23, 2010

### Community Service Day Weekend Offers Variety of Volunteer Opportunities

**At Locations Throughout the County** - Local residents are invited make plans now to give a few hours of their time to the community by joining family, friends, neighbors, fellow students and co-workers for Community Service Day weekend – October 23 and 24.

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=6981](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=6981)

**October 23, 2010**

**Safeguard Your Health! Special Event at Holy Cross Hospital**

What : Flu Shot and Immunization Clinic

When: Saturday October 23, 2010 from 9:00 am to noon

Cost: **Free with medicare card**; Without Medicare card: \$10 flu vaccine (if available), \$20 pneumonia vaccine. Vaccinations by appointment only. Call 301-654-8800

Holy Cross Staff will be on hand to provide flu and pneumonia vaccinations free of charge for Medicare members. Please be prepared to provide your Medicare number

**County Sponsors Flu Vaccination Clinics for Residents**

County health officials today announced the 2010-2011 seasonal flu vaccination clinic schedule and urged residents to protect themselves by getting vaccinated. Montgomery County clinics will offer FREE vaccinations by appointment only.

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=6957](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=6957)

**October 26, 2010**

**FREE Credit Workshop Take Charge : The Wise Use of Credit sponsored by Montgomery County Dept. of Health & Human Services Community Action Agency**

What : FREE Credit Workshop Take Charge : The Wise Use of Credit

When: October 26, 2010

Time: 6:00– 7:00PM

Where: Wheaton Regional Library, 11701 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton

\*If you need any accommodations or translation services to participate, please call one week before the workshop date.

Learn: How to use credit cards to your advantage; The benefits (and costs) of credit cards; How to build a good credit history; The warning signs of having too much debt; How to avoid credit card fraud; How to obtain your credit report and understand your credit score;

Contact: Elvie Lancaster, Financial Education Program Specialist 240.777.1213

[Elvira.Lancaster@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Elvira.Lancaster@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Register online through Maryland Cash — [www.mdcashacademy.org](http://www.mdcashacademy.org)

**October 29, 2010**

**Halloween Happening** is a free event inviting kids 12 & younger to come in costume to participate in games, crafts, and tricks & treats. Parents are asked to please donate



unopened bags of individually wrapped candy.

When : **October 29, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Where : Marilyn J. Praisner Community Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866

Contact : 240-777-4970.

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/RSC/EASTCO/pdfs/HalloweenHappening.pdf>

## **October 30, 2010**

**Annual Halloween Extravaganza** from 12 noon to 2 pm is spooktacular free event for kids K-5th grade. This fun-filled event includes games, face painting, crafts, costume contest and more.

When : **October 30, 2010 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm**

Where : East County Community Center

3310 Gatehead Manor Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Contact : 240-777-8090.

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/RSC/EASTCO/pdfs/Halloween2010.pdf>

**Read County news.** [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/pr\\_list.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/pr_list.asp)

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Human Rights Office Announces Annual Contests for Students to Highlight Human Rights Day -**

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=6980](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=6980)

**Pro Bono Consultant Program** - The Montgomery County Volunteer Center Pro Bono Consultant Program matches skilled professionals with local nonprofits/government agencies who need expert help on short-term projects. We have several highly skilled professionals who are looking for projects. Their interests and/or experience include strategic planning, organizational development, leadership coaching, marketing, writing, and scientific research. If interested, please complete the project development form at the [Pro Bono Consultant Page](#) ; email the project form to [probono@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:probono@montgomerycountymd.gov)

**“New Intercounty Connector will Require E-Z Pass.”** See

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/dpwt/PressRelease/PR\\_list.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/dpwt/PressRelease/PR_list.asp)

## **Additional Information**

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